Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing an at least four-ply sandwich nonwoven material ~~by~~ comprising continuous forming of ~~the plies, that is,~~ a nonwoven material comprising first ~~the~~ a base ply, then the at least two middle plies and finally ~~the~~ a cover ply, then continuous bonding of the nonwoven material~~, four-ply in any case,~~ by hydrodynamic needling alone, followed by drying of the nonwoven material, the ~~two outer plies~~ base ply and the cover ply being formed from nonwovens of staple fibers up to 100 mm long, which are produced by ~~the~~ a carding method, or of spun-bond or melt-blown fibers and the at least two ~~inner~~ middle plies covered by the ~~outer plies~~ base ply and cover ply being produced from ~~unlike~~ pulp fibers or pulp fibers blended with synthetic fibers or natural fibers, ~~and the middle plies, two in any case, having~~ wherein one of the at least two middle plies is produced from fibers different than fibers from which another of the at least two middle plies is produced and has unlike liquid absorption capacities than those of the another of the at least two middle plies.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method for producing a nonwoven material of Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one of the middle plies ~~between the outer plies~~ is produced from a mesh-like nonwoven, a mesh of arbitrary plastic or of arbitrary other fibers ~~or the like~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for producing a nonwoven material of Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sandwich nonwoven is outwardly covered by a mesh-like layer.

7. (New) The method for producing a nonwoven material of Claim 1, wherein one of the middle plies is made of pulp fibers up to 30 nm long and another of the middle plies is made of shorter pulp fibers shorter than the pulp fibers of the one of the middle plies or from hydrophilic synthetic fibers.